

Section 1

EPA Site ID

TXD086278058

NPL Proposed/listing dates

Proposed: 9/5/2002

Final: 9/16/2011

Site Name

Falcon Refinery

Street Address

FM 2725 at Bishop Road

City(ies)

Ingleside

County(ies)

San Patricio

STATE(s)

TX

Congressional District(s)

27

Zip code(s)

78362

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Site Headline

Falcon Refinery consists of a refinery that operated intermittently and is currently inactive, except for a crude oil storage operation being conducted by Superior. When in operation the refinery had a capacity of 40,000 barrels per day and the primary products consisted of naphtha, jet fuel, kerosene, diesel, and fuel oil

Section 2

Current Site Status (complete for deleted, minimally active, smaller sites)

Detailed Site Status/Upcoming Work and Next Steps (complete for larger, active sites)

The potentially responsible party (PRP) for the Site, National Oil Recovery Corporation (NORCO), entered into an "Administrative Order on Consent" (AOC) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), on June 9, 2004. The PRP agreed to perform and finance the Removal Action and Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for the Site. The purpose of the Removal Action is to address the wastes from the abandoned tanks, equipment, and piping. The Removal Action currently is ongoing. The purpose of the RI/FS is to determine the nature and extent of contamination and to gather sufficient information about the Site to support an informed risk management decision regarding which remedy is the most appropriate for the Site. The EPA approved the RI/FS Work Plan, Field Sampling Plan, and Quality Assurance Project Plan on October 22, 2007; and Addendum 1 on May 8, 2009.

On February 16, 2010, in response to the EPA's 2009 request for reimbursement of the RI/FS Special Account under the terms of the AOC, NORCO notified the EPA that it was financially unable to perform the remaining RI/FS work. On March 28, 2011, the EPA notified NORCO of the take over of the performance of the remaining work under the AOC for the RI/FS. The EPA invoked the takeover provisions of the AOC because NORCO failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the AOC. On December 16, 2011, after providing NORCO another opportunity to resume the remaining work under the terms of the AOC and an "Agreed Order for Resumption (Agreed Order) of RI/FS Work," the EPA again notified NORCO of the take over of the performance of the remaining work under the AOC for the RI/FS for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the AOC and Agreed Order.

The EPA is currently in the process of performing the remaining RI/FS work through its federal contracting procedures and expects to begin field sampling activities in June 2013. The RI/FS is expected to be completed in the latter part of 2014.

Potential Risks and Exposure Pathway(s)

Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments will be performed during the RI/FS for the Site. These risk assessments are an integral part of the RI/FS.

List of Site Contaminants (List only final CoCs)

The types and volumes of wastes currently present at the Site, or possibly released from the Site, have not been determined. This information will be obtained during the Removal Action and the RI/FS for the Site.

Links to Contaminant information**How is EPA addressing the risks/cleaning up the site?**

The investigation and cleanup of the Site will ensure the protection of human health and the environment. Specific cleanup benefits will be identified during the RI/FS and Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments planned for the Site.

How can the Public stay safe and get involved?**Public Meetings/Opportunities/Comment Periods****Past Meetings Information**

Section 3

Site History

The site consists of an abandoned refinery that has changed owners and lessors several times. The site (either whole or in parts) has been owned, leased and/or operated under several different companies. These companies include: UNI Refining, Inc., American Energy Leasing, Inc., Falcon Refining Company, MidGulf Energy, Inc., Impexco of Texas, Inc., National Oil Recovery Corporation, MJP Resources, Inc., and Pi Energy Corporation.

The facility was leased to UNI Refining, Inc. from the UNI International Corporation and the UNI Pipeline, Inc. for seven years, 1979-1986. The facility operated at a 40,000 bbl per day capacity with primary products consisting of naphtha, jet fuel, kerosene, diesel, and fuel oil. Production at the facility ceased in November of 1981, apparently due to market conditions. In 1984, UNI Refining Inc. filed for bankruptcy. In 1984, American Energy Leasing, Inc. leased part of the property to MidGulf Energy Inc. In 1985, records indicate that the facility was "purchased by the original owners" and began operating under the name of Falcon Refining, Inc.

In the mid 1980's production once again ceased, Falcon Refining, Inc. declared bankruptcy, and the facility came under the ownership of American Energy Leasing, Inc. In October 1987, there is a Trustee's Deed from Falcon Refining Company to Richard Bergner confirming the sale of the facility to American Energy Leasing, Inc. American Energy Leasing Inc. declared Chapter 7 bankruptcy in 1989. In May 1990 Impexco of Texas, Inc. acquired the site from American Energy Leasing, Inc. NORCO gained title to the refinery in December 1990 from Impexco of Texas, Inc. In June 1991, NORCO acquired the docking facility from the Sun Operating Limited Partnership. MJP Resources, Inc. began leasing the tanks on the northwest corner of the FM 2725 & Bishop Road and the dock facility. In 1998, Pi Energy Corporation acquired 2.5 acres of the dock facility from NORCO. Currently Superior Crude Gathering Company is using the sight for crude oil storage.

Site Map



Interactive Site Map – Y/N

N

Environmental Information – sampling work, data collected, why

EPA is currently in the process of collecting additional environmental data from the site and the adjacent waterways and wetlands to determine the nature and extent of any releases from the site. EPA will use the information to perform an environmental and human health risk assessment for the site. The risk assessment will then be used to determine what if any remedial responses need to be performed at the site.

Site Data to Highlight – Y/N

N

Non-AR Technical Documents? Y/N, keywords

AR on the Web

Section 4

Newsroom link (site-specific, default to regional newsroom)

News Releases from Region 6

(<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/Press%20Releases%20From%20Region%206%21OpenView>
)

Social Media Y/N

N

Announcements

Have Banner and Site Photos with captions and alt text? (2-30 site photos needed with captions describing what they are pictures of)

Video(s)/Podcasts Y/N

N

Links to external/partner resources

Web revision contact (Ed Board or regional workgroup member responsible for the site

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